

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 25-132 are pending in the present application. No amendments have been made to the claims.

**Response to the Rejections**

**Response to the Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejections**

*Over U.S. Patent No. 5,514,200*

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,514,200 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

*Over U.S. Patent No. 5,830,255*

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-52 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,830,255 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

*Over U.S. Patent No. 6,113,665*

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-34 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,113,665 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer.

Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

*Over U.S. Patent No. 6,645,268*

Claims 25-132 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-26 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,645,268 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

**Response to the Provisional Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection**

*Over Co-pending Application No. 09/637,621*

Claims 25-132 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Pat. App. No. 09/637,621 (Lovatt). The Examiner states that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicants herewith submit a 1.321(c) terminal disclaimer. Since this terminal disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejection, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

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